

REMARKS

Further consideration of this application is solicited.

All rejections remaining in the Office Action of January 3, 2008 rely upon U. S. Patent 7,241,346 to Hanamachi et al. Applicants hereby rely upon their Japanese priority application which was filed on August 18, 2003. The effective date of Hanamachi et al. as a reference is not until October 29, 2003. In support of their claim for priority, Applicants hereby submit a certified translation of JP2003-294425. As such, the Hanamachi et al. patent is removed as a reference. Thereafter, all stated rejections must fail. Withdrawal of each courteously is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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